

THOMPSON COMMITTEE SELLS 12,000 ACRES OF GREENE COAL

H. C. FRICK COKE COMPANY
THE BUYER; \$7,000,000 IS
INVOLVED IN BIG TRANSFER

Deal Provides the Money to
Meet Taxes and Interest
on Secured Claims.

OTHER BIG SALES PENDING

Prediction is Made That Every Creditor
of Thompson's Coal King Will be
Paid in Full; H. C. Frick a Factor
in Settling First Big Sale Through.

The first significant and decisive steps in a practical adjustment of J. V. Thompson's financial affairs have been taken. Cash has been provided for the payment of the delinquent taxes on his coal holdings and the consummation of the sale of approximately 12,000 acres of coal for a sum ranging between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 has been officially confirmed in the following announcement made last night:

The Josiah V. Thompson Creditors' Committee announces that the money is in bank for the payment of taxes on the coal holdings of Mr. Thompson and that a sale of some 12,000 acres of coal in Greene county for between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 has been made to the H. C. Frick Coke Company. Other important negotiations for sales of coal are under way and an early conclusion is anticipated. There will be sufficient equity above the specific indebtedness on the property sold to pay the interest on the secured indebtedness which is available when the funds have passed and the Committee will press the matter to an early settlement as possible.

The sale included in the purchase of the H. C. Frick Coke Company has an extensive frontage on the Monongahela river at Rice Landing and comprises all of Thompson's holdings in Rice Landing borough, Jefferson township and Jefferson borough and part of his holdings in Cumberland township, Greene county. The tract is joined on the north by the properties of the Dillworth Coal Company and the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company and extends westward from the river along both sides of Pumpkin run. It is opposite the holdings of the Wheeling Steel & Iron Company and the Hecla Coal & Coke Company, the latter being the present owners of the Isabella properties, on the Greene county side. Included in the sale are properties of some of Thompson's associates, together with several additional tracts recently optioned to round out the field.

The tract just purchased is the second to be acquired in Greene county by the H. C. Frick Coke Company. Some years ago a large acreage fronting on the Monongahela river at the mouth of Little Whiteley creek in Monongahela township was purchased. These two transactions now make the H. C. Frick Coke Company the largest single holder of Greene county coal outside of Thompson and his associates, thereby consolidating the ownership of H. C. Frick and other directors of the United States Steel Corporation, of which the H. C. Frick Coke Company is a subsidiary, was wise and sound when they recommended that the great corporation augment its coal reserve through the acquisition of additional acreage in this field. In the present transaction H. C. Frick is understood to have had a very important part.

No delay is to be permitted in concluding the details of the transaction. Several engineering corps are already in the field to check up surveys and the legal department of the purchasing company is at work verifying the abstracts of title.

The consummation of this deal comes almost on the anniversary of the formation of the J. V. Thompson Creditors' Association, the organization of which on December 3, 1915, marked the first systematic step in the direction of providing some means for conserving the vast resources of the Thompson estate and protecting the interests of his creditors. At a meeting of the creditors and their attorneys held in the courthouse at Uniontown on that date, M. M. Cochran, the well known attorney of Uniontown, and president of the Washington Coal & Coke Company, and of the First National Bank of Dawson, was made chairman. On January 19 of the present year the members of the permanent J. V. Thompson Creditors' Committee were selected by the creditors as follows:

JAMES A. CAMPBELL, of Uniontown, Pa., president of the Uniontown Street & Tube Company.
ALEXANDER C. ROBINSON, of Pittsburgh, president of the Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Pittsburgh.
A. R. HAMILTON, of Pittsburgh, a director in the Commonwealth Trust Company and vice president of the

Third National Bank of Pittsburgh.
E. D. HITCHMAN, of Wheeling, W. Va., president of the Hitchman Coal & Coke Company.
A. PLUMER, of Uniontown, president of the Fayette Title & Trust Company.
A. F. COOPER, of Uniontown, president of the Fayette Publishing Company.
G. S. HARTMAN, of Uniontown, vice president of the Second National Bank.

At a meeting of the committee a few days later M. M. Cochran was made an advisory member and the committee organized by selecting A. C. Robinson chairman and George H. Scruggs, of New York, secretary. Samuel Untermyer, the famous New York attorney, figured largely in devising plans and outlining the creditors' agreement which later was submitted for signature by the unsecured creditors. Ninety-eight per cent of these claims were deposited with the committee during the spring and summer. Meantime the committee has been untiring in its efforts to advance its work to that point where funds would become available to take care of the accumulated taxes and other obligations which were threatening the validity of Thompson's title to much of the property. It became necessary some months ago to ask mortgage holders to grant an extension so as to afford the committee more time to work out the many details necessary in the prosecution of its plans. This extension was made conditional upon the committee providing by December 9th funds to pay the accrued taxes and interest. In this effort the committee has fully met the self-imposed condition, the official announcement of yesterday stating that the money is now in bank for the payment of taxes.

It is not to be understood that the achievements of the committee comprehended in the announcement of yesterday mean the complete rehabilitation of Thompson's affairs. They simply mark the first steps, but so encouraging is it to be derived from the success attained that the conviction is strong that the work will progress from this time forward. Other negotiations are reported as being under way with every prospect of being successfully concluded. The fact that the sale of about one-fifth of Thompson's holdings has realized a sufficient sum to pay deferred taxes and interest on properties worth many times as much, is taken to mean that eventually all of his obligations will be met without the necessity of sacrificing any portion of the assets.

Great rejoicing now prevails in both Greene and Cumberland counties. Nearly every section of both counties had a direct interest in the situation arising from Thompson's embarrassment. Hundreds of men and women, either his associates or as individuals, have been buyers of Greene county coal and have lost thousands of dollars tied up in this form of investment. They have realized that unless Thompson's holdings could be conserved until a fair price could be secured for them, the values of all coal lands would be depressed to that point where a very holder of it would suffer heavy loss. The sale announced yesterday removes this apprehension, hence the great feeling of relief which is being experienced in many quarters today.

NEW COAL OPERATIONS

INVOLVE BIG SUMS

The Casselman Coal Company, a new concern capitalized at \$200,000, is preparing to open 3,500 acres of coal, a mile and a half above Confluence. The operations will have a capacity of 1,000 tons, or about 20 cars a day. Engineers are now engaged in fixing locations for the mine. The C. Primo and Miller veins will be worked. The Penn Smokeless Coal Company of Pittsburgh, in which John Gibson of Newell and Thurston Wright of Gibson are interested, has taken over a tract of land at the intersection of the Quemauchong branch railroad and the Lincoln highway, near Ralphston, Somerset county. A new plant will be put in operation and is expected coal will be shipped early in February. A coal deal involving more than a million dollars was consummated yesterday when the Peoples mine at Brownsville, was leased by the Diamond Coal & Coke Company of Pittsburgh. The plant was owned by the Snowden Coal Company. The new owners will work 350 acres of coal.

HOMELAND BOUND.

The Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Troops Leave Border Soon.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 9.—The Massachusetts and Pennsylvania troops, the first of the Massachusetts units to arrive here and the last to leave, will start for home next Monday in a number of the service. It was announced today.

The Eighteenth Pennsylvania Infantry will follow on December 16.

Undergoes Operation on Eye.

Marceline Adams underwent an eye operation at the South Side Private Hospital.

SPRINGFIELD MAN
IS ACCIDENTALLY
KILLED ON A HUNT

Alvin Mountain's Gun is Discharged and He Dies Quickly.

IN CLINTON COUNTY FOR DEER

Body is Brought to Somerset and Is Then Taken to Home of Father, J. W. Mountain, in Springfield Township. Well Known in That Section.

Alvin H. Mountain, 26 years of age, residing in Springfield township, was killed when his gun was accidentally discharged while he and a party of friends were hunting deer in Clinton county yesterday. Mountain was climbing a hill when he slipped and his gun was discharged, the contents of the barrel entering his abdomen, according to the account of the tragedy given by his companions. He lived two minutes.

The body was brought to Somerset this morning and taken to the home of his father, J. W. Mountain, by Funeral Director S. C. Brooks. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon.

In the party with Mountain were J. W. Henry, Bruce Henry and Arlington Fletcher, all of Scullion, Somerset county. The Mountains live in Springfield township, only a short distance across the county line. Deceased is survived by three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. William Johnston of near Connellsville; Ivy and Grace at home; Irvin of Mill Run; Joseph and Rev. James Mountain, both of Pittsburgh.

VIOLIN RECITAL
GIVEN AT H. S.

Dr. Roy Young Presents Interesting Program for School Children.

Dr. Roy Young, former violinist with the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra, gave a recital for school children yesterday afternoon in the high school chapel. In addition to the playing of a serious program, Dr. Young introduced several humorous numbers, in which he reproduced the language of birds and beasts, and painted pictures with his violin. Dr. Young is admittedly a disciple of Paganini and excels in the rendition of brilliant numbers which call for double-stopings, harmonics, and the more flashy feats of violin playing. He possesses a flawless technique.

Dr. Young told his audience the story of Paganini, illustrating it by playing that great master's G Minor Concerto, a St. Louis arrangement of the Sextet from "Lucia," and several modern favorites, given as Paganini would have played them. In addition to these numbers, the Serenade Preceded and the Handkerchief Toss were rendered acceptably. All were played without plan accompaniment.

PREDICT FINE SHOW

Much Interest Manifested in Farm Products Exhibit.

More interest is being manifested this year than last in the Farm Products show which will be held in the Standard Garage display room at Uniontown December 19 to 22. Farmers from all over the county will exhibit the best specimens of what they raised this year.

December 20 will be Livestock Day and Dr. H. H. Haysner of State College will discuss livestock possibilities and animals showing the comparative value of pure breeds, grades and scrubs of beef cattle will be on exhibit near the display room. The boys and girls county-wide corn growing contest will also close on that day and specimens will be exhibited.

No entry fee is charged exhibitors and admission to the show will be free.

HURT IN MINE

Layton Man Suffers Injury to Legs and Is Brought to Hospital.

Edward Frakes of Layton, 40 years old, employed at the Ruth coal mine near Dawson, was admitted to the Cottage State Hospital yesterday afternoon for treatment of injuries suffered while at work. He has contusions of both legs.

John Miller of Indian Head, 66 years old, is being treated for an infected eye. Aquilla Barrows of North Pittsburgh street, 6 years old, underwent a throat operation.

Miss Catherine Gillen of the West Side, who underwent an operation for appendicitis, left the hospital today. Mrs. Anna Steiner left yesterday.

YOUGH BRIDGE
NOT APPROVED

Grand Jury Fails to Recommend County Span on Direct-to-Dunbar Route.

Special to The Courier.

UNIONTOWN, Dec. 9.—The proposed county bridge over the Yough river at South Connellsville was disapproved by the grand jury in its report this afternoon. The grand jurors held that the bridge is not a necessity and that the county would not be justified in undertaking such an expensive proposition at this time.

The proposed bridge over the Yough at Layton connecting the Scottsdale and Perryopolis roads, was found to be necessary and was approved. The grand jury also approved the proposed bridge over Middle run in German township.

Roads in Lower Tyrone and Henry Clay townships to be built by the county commissioners, were both approved.

The grand jury's final report showed that 193 bills had been considered, of which 87 were found true, 19 ignored and 2 withdrawn. There were 233 witnesses examined. The grand jury was discharged by the court for the term.

PROGRAM FOR
ELK MINSTRELS

First Part Arranged as Cabaret Scene; Old Contains Good Acts.

About 50 persons will participate in the Elk's minstrel show in the Seaton Theatre next Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The first part will be staged as a restaurant scene with the end men in blackface as waiters and the singers as guests. This permits the use of a score of young women in the cast.

The program follows:
"Having Up the Stairs to Go to New Orleans".....Russ Collins
"Recitations".....Monica Marquis
"Just One King".....Lorenz Strubbe
"Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You".....John Davis
"Where Did Robinson Crusoe Go?".....Vernie (a song circle).....Harry Louder
"Nonchalant Love Song".....Herbert F. Dugan
"The Love Song".....Mrs. Rose P. Lytle
"Dance Specialty".....Roselyn Pryce
"Base Solo (selection)".....A. A. Campbell
"Hatched and Bred".....John Palmer
"Don't Bite the Hand That's Feeding You".....John Davis
"Chalk Artist".....John Palmer
"Vernie".....Vernie (a song circle).....Harry Louder
"The Ragtime Four".....Robert Barkot
"Shrimp".....Kellar Kopper
"Society Act".....Barnes and Collins
Comedy Aerobatics.....Bixler and Guest

SHOT IN ARM

Says Old Enemy Empty Revolver in Attempt On His Life.

Carlo Proletti, a Connellsville shoe-maker, is being held at the lockup on a charge of felonious shooting, preferred by V. Meloni. A hearing will be held before Alderman Colborn this evening.

Meloni, who works a farm in the hills back of South Connellsville, claims that Proletti emptied a revolver at him on Thursday night. Meloni had been in his stable, and when returning to the house, noticed a man in the yard. Without a word, this man shot at him, he says, a bullet striking his arm. Meloni turned and ran and his assailant fired five more shots, one of the bullets scratching his breast. The farmer finally gained the shelter of his house, and sent to Connellsville for assistance.

Early this morning, Constable Charles Wilson arrested Proletti, whom Meloni identified as the man who did the shooting. The farmer says that an old grudge was the cause of the attempt upon his life. About a month ago, Meloni says, the same man fired at him.

AUTOMOBILE IS DAMAGED

New Ford Car Is Driven Into Ditch Near Leshenring No. 3.

A new Ford car, belonging to Dr. G. B. Roberts of Vanderbilt, was badly damaged last evening when it was driven into a ditch near Leshenring No. 3. A previous accident had slightly damaged the steering gear.

The car was towed to the Hyatt & Marsh garage here. The accident occurred about 8 o'clock. Dr. Roberts was making a trip from Uniontown to Connellsville at the time.

WINTER SUCCEEDS SPRING

Ideal Warm Weather Followed by Snow Is Predicted.

The ideal spring weather of yesterday was followed today by that of winter. A big drop in temperature, a driving rain and a heavy snow, like snow and snow, and a harsh wind were the features of the weather conditions today.

The change was almost startling in its suddenness, and although the weather man had issued warning of snow in yesterday's forecast, the prediction seemed almost unbelievable. The changeableness of conditions was further accentuated when, at noon today, the sun came out, shining brightly, and driving off the rain and snow.

The city was welcome in the mountain districts, where forest fires have been raging and constantly gaining headway. Today's forecast calls for snows and colder tonight.

Big Filled Tonnage.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corporation for the month ending November 30, last, were 1,059,542 tons, an increase of 1,042,282 tons over the preceding month. This establishes a new record for unfilled orders of the corporation.

Temperature Record

1916 1915
Maximum.....72 54
Minimum.....39 33
Mean.....56 44

The Yough river dropped from 1.80 to 1.75 feet during the night.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS
THEFT OF SEVENTH
ST. SCHOOL BELL

It is Removed From Frame on Grounds of St. Rita's Church.

WAS THE BOARD'S PROPERTY

When Rev. DeVivo Purchased Old School He Removed Bell Thinking It Went With Building But Had Agreed to Return It; Daylight Theft.

A deep, dark mystery, worthy of the consideration of a moving picture detective, surrounds the disappearance of the Seventh street school house bell which was stolen several days ago from the vicinity of St. Rita's Italian Catholic school, where it has been kept since the school building was sold to Rev. Enrico DeVivo, pastor of the church, and razed.

When Father DeVivo purchased the material in the school building and had it torn down, he removed the bell thinking that it went with the structure. The School Board, however, had reserved the bell, blackboards and heating plant.

Father DeVivo readily agreed to return the bell, but it was decided to leave it in his possession until the School Board had use for it again. It was placed on the ground near the shanty of the contractor erecting Madison Hall. Several days ago, while Father DeVivo was out of town, the bell was removed. It is thought to have been taken away during the afternoon. The frame which supported the bell remains where it was.

The Seventh street bell is said to have been purchased by public subscription when the building was originally erected. Just what motive there could have been for stealing it is not understood by the school authorities. The police have been notified and they are making an investigation.

GERMAN WARSHIP
MAKES OPEN SEA

Incoming Ship's Captain Says His Vessel Was Held Up by Cruiser in the Atlantic.

By Associated Press.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A German warship has succeeded in running the British cordon in the North Sea, according to the report of a ship captain who says his vessel was held up and examined in the Atlantic.

The vessel is not a converted merchantman, the captain said on his arrival here, but is a regular cruiser.

ROBBER IS DETECTED

Found Robbing Public Telephone; Nabbed After Chase.

Larry Hoffman of Greensburg, was surprised this morning at 6:30 o'clock while in the act of robbing the coin boxes in the telephone booths at the Pennsylvania railroad station here. Hoffman pleaded guilty to charges of robbery this morning after a hearing before Alderman Fred Munk, and was taken to jail.

A burglar alarm from the station to the home of Edmund Metzgar, a section foreman, nearby, gave notice of the entrance of the robber. Metzgar, in his bare feet, pursued Hoffman, who fled from the building, and shouted to some employees at Dull's livery stable, who caught the thief and held him until the arrival of Patrolman John Barnes on the scene. Hoffman had secured about \$4.80 in nickels from the booths.

Special Officer John DeTemple preferred the charges against Hoffman. The offender, it is said, is wanted for a similar robbery in Greensburg.

NINE GIVEN HEARINGS

Men Arrested on Charges of Fighting, Drunkenness and Vagrancy.

Nine men were given hearings before Mayor Marietta in police court this morning, seven being sentenced to work on the streets.

Two men were arrested for fighting at the West Penn station last evening by Patrolmen D. H. Turner and J. Barnes. S. C. McKnight was sentenced to one day of street work. The other participants in the scrap left a \$5 forfeit and did not appear for a hearing.

Steve Nodcock of Uniontown, arrested by Patrolman Turner for drunkenness, paid a \$2.50 fine. Steve said he had just been released from the county jail after serving a four months' sentence there. Six vagrants were taken from the city hall basement by Chief B. Butler at 8 o'clock this morning. They were given one day of street work each.

ELGIN BOARD UNDER FIRE

U. S. District Attorney Will Investigate Butter Price Fixers.

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Fearing his inquiry into food prices, United States District Attorney Clyne sent investigators to Elgin today to attend the meeting of the Board of Trade, which organization fixes the price of butter that is said to govern largely sales throughout the country.

Federal officials have served subpoenas on a number of the smaller packers of the city to appear next Monday before the Federal grand jury for inquiry as to the increased cost of meat products.

BURGLARS BLOW SAFE IN THE
DUNBAR POSTOFFICE, BUT ARE
DRIVEN OFF IN A PISTOL DUEL

CLARK IS AGAIN
THE COMMANDER

Officers Are Elected for Year at Meeting of Civil War Veterans.

W. P. Clark was elected commander of the Civil War Veterans at a meeting of that body yesterday afternoon, for the third successive term. Mr. Clark will serve for a year, as will the other officers elected yesterday.

The meeting was well attended, 19 of the veterans being present, and the speeches made during the period which followed the business session are reported to have been particularly good.

The officers chosen were: Senior vice commander, L. W. Wolfe; Junior vice commander, Clark Collins; Adjutant, C. H. Whiteley; Surgeon, J. J. Barnhart; Quartermaster, Henry Kurtz; Chaplain, J. R. Balsley; Officer of the day, Lloyd Johnson; Officer of the guard, William Artis; Sergeant major, W. H. Shaw; Bugler, Lyman Strickler.

J. J. Barnhart was elected representative of the post at the department encampment at Johnstown, which will be held in June. Henry Kurtz was chosen alternate.

Miss Mercedes Gladden was given the title of "daughter of the post." Lyman Strickler, the new bugler, was directed to get himself a bugle, and the position will thus become something other than a mere honorary office.

Investigation showed that the intruders had smashed the front window of the office and also had broken open the rear door, apparently with the idea of using the latter as a means of exit in case they were surprised while preparing to blow the safe. Part of a fuse was also found. Some think the robbers used ultra-glycerine; others believe the explosion was caused by dynamite. The front of the safe was shattered and the office slightly damaged. The inner compartment of the safe was found to be undisturbed when Postmaster R. J. Seices examined it. The receipts of the day at the postoffice, as well as stamps and other valuables, had been placed in the safe the night before.

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This makes the third robbery in Dunbar in two weeks. The Dunbar Supply Company was robbed of \$300 on the night before Thanksgiving Day and only a few days ago a package containing \$350 was taken from the safe of the Pennsylvania railroad station in broad daylight.

VICTIM OF EXPOSURE

Man Taken to Hospital From Police Station in Pneumonia Victim.

Anthony Yates, who was admitted to the Cottage State Hospital yesterday morning for treatment of pneumonia, died yesterday afternoon. Yates, who was taken from the police station to the hospital, is thought to have contracted pneumonia from exposure.

The body was removed to Funeral Director J. E. Sims' parlors and prepared for burial. Thomas Yates of Stoneboro, Mercer county, was notified of his brother's death and arrangements for burial will not be made until word is received from him. Yates is a resident of Mercer county, and gave his age as 64 years.

OHIOPELLE GRATEFUL

Burgess Requests Courier to Thank Connellsville Firemen.

That the people of Ohiopele are grateful for what assistance the Connellsville fire department was able to give at the disastrous fire is evidenced in a communication to The Courier from Burgess Radcliff Weil.

Burgess Weil extends the thanks of the town council and citizens to the fire department for sending the chemical truck to aid in fighting the conflagration.

Is Somewhat Improved.

There is a slight improvement today in the condition of Isaac Ensholm of Greenwood who is suffering from influenza. He was recovered by a fall of state in the Trotter mines over a week ago.

Following the accident the injured man was removed to his home and for the past several days his condition has been critical. He was struck on the head by the slate.

Case of Scarlet Fever.

A case of scarlet fever was reported to the health department this morning.

Liston Brothers, Awakened by Explosion, Open Fire on Gang.

SEE FIVE MEN STANDING GUARD

When Firing Begins the Burglars Flee Without Obtaining Booty; Outside Door of Safe Is Wrecked, But the Inside Compartment Remains Intact.

Seven men are believed to have participated in an attempt to rob the postoffice at Dunbar at 3 o'clock this morning. The safe was blown open with dynamite, but the explosion aroused Hoffman and William Lister, who room above the office in the Warner Building on Woodlawn street, and after a revolver duel the burglars retreated without having opportunity to secure any money or valuables.

Three shots were fired, two by Hoffman Lister and one by the burglars. None of them took effect although the bullet from one of the burglars' revolvers whizzed past the head of Hoffman Lister. Five men could be seen in the moonlight along the Pennsylvania railroad, which is on one side of the room occupied as a postoffice, and it is believed there were two inside the office, or concealed from the view of the Lister brothers.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

At the monthly business and social meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Methodist Protestant church held last evening at the home of Miss Ella Hettley in Queen street, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, E. M. Tenn; vice president, Miss Mercedes Gladden; secretary, S. T. Donofrio; treasurer, Miss Beatrice Patterson; organist, Miss Alice Herbert; and assistant organist, Miss Thelma Hettley. A social session and refreshments followed the business meeting.

Rev. Irwin Fletcher of Jones Hill will preach at the Mission church in Crawford avenue, West Side tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 7 o'clock.

A delightful social event was the annual banquet of the Millie Club held last evening at the Young House, covers being laid for members of the club and their friends. Thomas J. Williams, president of the club, was the principal speaker of the evening, speaking very briefly of the events of the club during the year. The banquet was followed by an enjoyable dance at Markell's hall. Music was furnished by Kiferle's orchestra. Twenty couples attended. Out of town guests were Miss Olive Jones and T. S. Robinson of Uniontown; Miss Lillian Kippner of Scottsdale, H. D. Snyder of Jeannette and B. C. Cook of Pittsburgh.

An interesting meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the First Baptist church was held last evening at the home of Mrs. Howard Anderson in Orchard street. The meeting was well attended and was one of the best held for some time. A social session and refreshments followed the business meeting. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, December 23 at the home of Mrs. A. A. Wampler in North Main street. The annual election of officers will take place.

Magie Council 155 Junior Order United American Mechanics gave an entertainment and luncheon last night in Odd Fellows hall for the wives and mothers of the members. Magie Slater Council 103 Daughters of America, the address of welcome and history of the order were given by E. W. Lloyd, counselor. The following musical and literary program was rendered. Music by a six piece orchestra: selections by a quartet, composed of Miss Martha Elton, Miss Grimes; vocal solo, John Davis; readings, Emma Jean Rhodes and J. M. Cecil; recitation, S. T. Swift; addresses, Rev. William Housack and Rev. J. S. Showers. Following the program refreshments were served by members of the order. G. C. Logan was chairman of the committee.

A successful penny social was held last night in the social room of the First Baptist church by members of a Sunday school class taught by Mr. Hess. A great variety of edibles were on sale.

The retreat of the Young Ladies' Sodality which is being held at the Immaculate Conception church will close tomorrow night with a reception of members.

The weekly meeting of the Business Women's Christian Association will be held Monday night in the First Methodist Episcopal church with Mrs. J. F. Kerr in charge of the Bible study.

Sixty-nine children attended the children's story hour this morning at the Carnegie Free Library. Miss Sarah Seaton told the stories, "The Frogman" and "The Jar of Rosemary."

A very enjoyable meeting of Miss Reynolds' Sunday school class of the Trinity Lutheran Church was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Silcox in North Pittsburgh street. Thirteen members attended and spent a very delightful evening. Refreshments were served.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of this city and of South Conneltsville will hold a joint meeting tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. C. Collins. The meeting is being held in connection with a big W. C. T. U. meeting which is being held in Washington, D. C. in the interest of national prohibition. It is requested that the local unions all over the country hold meetings in the interest of the same cause.

At a meeting of the Coke Center Radio Club held last evening at the Carnegie Free Library a house committee composed of John H. Graft, C. V. Chorpennig and William Stickett was appointed. This committee will

rent a room in the Dunn-Paine Building next week and erect an aerial probably between the Aaron Building and the Royal Hotel. By the first of the year the club expects to increase its membership to 150 and be able to communicate by wireless to all parts of the United States. The next meeting will be held Friday evening, December 15, at 7:30 o'clock at the Carnegie Free Library. All persons interested in the meeting are invited.

The regular meeting of the Young Ladies' Guild of the Trinity Reformed Church will meet Friday evening at the home of Miss Grace Penrod in Ninth street, Greenwood.

A special meeting of the Women's Guild of the Trinity Episcopal Church will be held immediately after the service tomorrow evening.

Rev. W. R. Warren, a former pastor of the Christian Church of Conneltsville, spent a few hours with old friends in the city this morning before leaving for Hagerstown, Md., and Richmond, Va. Rev. Warren now resides in Indianapolis, Ind., where he fills the important office of secretary of the Board of Ministerial Relief of the Christian Church.

A meeting of the King's Herald of the First Methodist Episcopal Church is being held this afternoon at the home of Miss Phoebe Dunn in South Prospect street.

The Junior Girls Mission Band of the First Presbyterian Church is meeting this afternoon at the home of Miss Eleanor Kuchler in South Pittsburgh street.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows at the regular meeting of the daughters of America held Thursday night in Macabee Hall: Past Counselor, Mrs. Carrie Graft; associate past counselor, Mrs. Nellie Grimes; counselor, Mrs. Ada Whipple; associate counselor, Mrs. Minnie Howers; vice counselor, Mrs. Eliza Slater; associate vice counselor, Mrs. Mary White; recording secretary, Mrs. Gertrude Freeman; workman, Mrs. Rebecca Gaskill; inside sentinel, Miss Hazel Shumaker; trustees, Mrs. Leola Clark and Mrs. Libby Schultz.

The Narcissus Club was delightfully entertained yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Robert W. Lebowitz at her home in West Apple street. Fancy work was the amusement followed by delicious refreshments. Fourteen guests attended.

PERSONAL
Does a crown procure happiness? See "The Gilded Cage," with Alice Brady. "The Hero of San Juan," with Grace Cunard. "The Janitor's Vendetta," "Sammy Johnson at the Seaside," "Napoleon and Sally," at the Soloson today.—Adv.

Mrs. J. Donald Porter and two daughters went to Pittsburgh this morning.

Miss Elizabeth Reed of Pittsburgh is the guest of Mrs. Edward Hart of Greenwood.

"Not the largest store in town, but growing the fastest." Why? Service, style, satisfaction. Brownell Shoe Company.—Adv.

Mrs. E. W. Berg and daughter, Miss Margaret Jean, are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Attorney S. R. Goldsmith left last night for New York.

I will make you a cracker-jack full suit or overcoat for \$18 to \$25. "None better anywhere." Dave Cohen, Tailor.—Adv.

George Dull of Ellis, Kan., and sister, Mrs. Catherine Wagner, of Johnstown, are visiting their brother, Joseph Dull of Broad Ford.

Don't buy a piano, player or talking machine for Xmas until you get my prices or you will regret it. A. P. Freed, Successor Floor, Leonard Furniture Co. Tel-State 2717.—Adv.

Mrs. H. P. Snyder is home from a three weeks' trip to Atlantic City and New York.

Open to 6 P. M., starting Monday. E. Dunn Store.—Adv.

Miss Eliza Stashans of Mill Run is visiting friends here.

Special, at the Manhattan Cafe, Saturday for Supper, Chicken and Waffles, Sunday for Dinner, Roast Young Turkey, with chestnut stuffing and cranberry sauce.—Adv.

Don't fail to see the Uniontown Showings at Paramount Theatre Monday, December 11.—Adv.

Francis Stader, who has been hunting for deer in Fulton county for the past week, returned home last night. Other members of the party, which is composed of members of the Wild Life

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
Made from Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM—NO PHOSPHATE.

Club, remained.
Mrs. George Jaynes of Greenwood is the guest of Mrs. Calvin Jaynes of Gates.

Are monarchs ever free from worry? See the "Gilded Cage," with Alice Brady at the Soloson today.—Adv.

Miss Jeanne Leech, and Miss Sarah Everett are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

Have you seen those new boots for women that Down's Shoe Store have just gotten in for Christmas buying? They are beauties.—Adv.

Miss Alice Horner of Uniontown is visiting friends here.

Misses John Ball, Catherine Haney, Cecelia Lintoy and Alice Hoey all of

Lebanon, visited friends in Uniontown Tuesday evening.

Open to 6 P. M., starting Monday. E. Dunn Store.—Adv.

BASKETBALL IS NOW THE SPORT

Macabees Open Their Season by Losing Close Game to Scottdale; Girl Teams are Strong.

The local basketball season was opened at Macabee Hall last evening when the K. O. T. M. players lost to Scottdale 23-22. The score was so close throughout that neither team was ever more than three points in the lead. At the end of the first half the score stood 11-5 for Scottdale, but two goals in succession in the second period again gave the lead to the locals.

According to the score kept by the Conneltsville recorder the Macabees won the game 23-21. The Scottdale scorer, however, had one more goal marked up than did Conneltsville and claimed the game 23-22. Captain Bishop conceded the game to Scottdale.

Both teams showed excellent form and each was bolstered up by players of reputation. Bishop, who captain and jumps center for the Macabees, is considered one of the best centers that has played on the State College team, and Brown and Henry, forwards, are also first class basketball men. Peck Lee and Guest were strong men in Scottdale's lineup.

In a preliminary game between the Overholt Red Sox and the Ionian girls' team, the Broad Ford team won 14-4.

The girls played regular A. A. U. rules instead of the girls' rules which were used last year and with the freedom of the floor they certainly did go after the ball. Overholt took the lead in the beginning and kept it. The only score by the Ionian team was made by H. Hirsleman who dropped four fouls through A. White becoming mixed in the basket when the teams changed around in the second half and added two points to Overholt's credit by throwing a pretty field goal through that team's basket.

MOOSE BOXING BOUT

First of a Series of Ring Contests Scheduled for December 14.

The first of a series of boxing bouts under the auspices of the Conneltsville Lodge of Moose will be held in Slavish Hall, West Side, Thursday night, December 14, Barney McGuire, of Johnstown, who fought Eddie Winter here last winter, will clash with Tommy Levine of Pittsburgh in a 10 round windup.

Levine has been coming to the front in recent bouts in Pittsburgh and it is believed he will give McGuire a hard battle.

The other boys will be together: Eddie Winter and Hank Henderson for six rounds, and Chalky Winter and Jimmy Crowley for the same length bout.

"AFTER THE WAR, WHAT?"

Dr. James M. Taylor to Discuss Aftermath of the Great Conflict.

James M. Taylor, D. D., secretary of foreign evangelism of the board of missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will address the Men's Christian Workers' League in the United Presbyterian Church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. His subject will be, "After the War, What?"

Dr. Taylor will deliver a lecture in the Methodist Episcopal Church tonight on "Panama" and will preach at both services there tomorrow.

Infant Son Dies.
An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Bela B. Smith died last night at the family residence in East Patterson avenue. The body was shipped to West Newton for interment. This interment by Funeral Director Charles C. Mitchell.

Three Killed in Explosion.
ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 9.—Three employees of the Penitentiary Powder Company at Iron Bridge, near here, were instantly killed today by an explosion. The blast occurred in the dryer house from an unknown cause.

Kiferle and His Orchestra.
At Jacques tonight. Markell Hall. —Adv.

NEW ORPHEUM IS TO OPEN SOON AS MODEL PLAYHOUSE

"Safety First" the Rule in Construction of the Theatre.

MANY EXITS ARE PROVIDED

Interior of Pittsburgh Street. Photograph is Elaborately Designed and Comfort of Patrons Has Been Dominant Idea; is Nearly Completed

One of the prettiest motion picture theatres in the state will soon be thrown open to the public in Conneltsville. The Orpheum, Peter Mikalunas' new house in the Royal Hotel building, embodies practically everything that is modern and up-to-date in theatre construction and equipment.

A Courier reporter dropped in the Orpheum yesterday afternoon as the workmen were taking down the scaffolding upon which the decorators worked. It was a scene of rare beauty that greeted his gaze. The sides of the lobby are painted in representation of balustrades upon which honeysuckle seem to be strutting about. Pots of purple flowers grace the tops of pillars along the balustrades. At the top of each large panel of the decorative scheme is a group of musical instruments. The theatre is named after Orpheus, the Greek god of music, and the decorations carry out the same idea. The general color scheme is lavender and cream. Brand bands of lavender extend horizontally about the rear of the auditorium, upstairs and down. The auditorium proper has walls decorated with the large ornamental panels. On the ceiling are panels representing varicolored clouds.

The lobby is spacious. On the left is a stairway of oak finish leading to the balcony. The balcony is large, extending over nearly half of the auditorium. A large projecting booth of respect construction is located in the rear of the balcony. Two 1917 Simplex machines are already in place. The booth is divided into two parts, a smaller room being partitioned off for rewinding the reels after they have been shown. Windows open from the booth into the yard in the rear of A. D. Soloson's residence.

One thing that strikes the visitor as soon as he enters the theatre is the number of exits. They seem to be everywhere. There are no less than 17 doors through which the audience might pass in case of an emergency in less time, almost, than it takes to tell about them. Downstairs there are four doors on the east side and three on the aisle on the west, through which it is possible to reach Orchard street in two directions to the adjoining properties. On the left of the landing leading to the balcony is an exit to the fire escapes. Then on the left of the lobby downstairs is another exit to the alley which brings you out on Orchard street. These are in addition to the wide swinging doors at the entrance in main floor and to the balcony.

Theatre construction nowadays must be safe. The state sees to this. But it is apparent that the builders of the Orpheum did more than they were required to do in providing it with means of egress.

Cushion chairs will enable the patrons to see the pictures in absolute comfort while seeing the best of films, perfectly projected, and listening to the music of Kiferle's orchestra which has been retained for all performances. Eighteen steam radiators have been installed for heating purposes.

Outside the entrance an ornamental iron marquee is to be erected over the sidewalk with the name of the theatre contained thereon. The ticket booth, constructed of marble and arched glass, is located on the right of the lobby.

The auditorium will contain one box, located in the southeast corner. Manager Mikalunas will have his office in a specially constructed room on the left side of the lobby.

The lighting system consists of electric lights casting a subdued glow through frosted bowls set in the walls and ceiling. The auditorium bowls contain two lights. When the performance is on, the white lights will go out and green ones will shine beneath the bowls.

The decorating was done by Myers and Caroy of Southville, O. The decorations were painted by Ray Flowers, a theatrical scene painter of wide experience.

Harry Percy will operate the projecting machines.

IT IS SERIOUS

Some Conneltsville People Fall to Realize the Seriousness of a Bad Back.

The constant aching of a bad back, the weariness, the tired feeling, the pains and aches of kidney illness may result seriously if neglected. Dangerous urinary troubles often follow.

A Conneltsville citizen shows you what to do.

Mrs. M. C. Gilmore, 247 E. Fairview ave., Conneltsville, Pa., writes: "I am satisfied that Down's Kidney Pills are a fine remedy. I used them several years ago, when my kidneys were weak. I found this remedy very beneficial and I willingly recommend it."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Down's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Gilmore had. Foster-McIlburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

Settle.
The regular meeting of Youghiogheny Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held Sunday, December 10, at 2:30 P. M.—Adv.

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All Dresses, Serge and Silk, from \$7.95 to \$35.00..... One-Third Off

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Any \$50.00 Coat in the Store.....	\$37.50

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We are showing a complete line of Beacon Blanket Bath Robes for Men and Women at \$3.75—They can't be duplicated anywhere for less than \$5.

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The Diamond, the most precious, beautiful and lasting gift of all, you will find here in vast quantities—mounted in the latest and most attractive designs in fine jewelry.

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In Giving Whitman's Chocolates There is satisfaction to the giver and a compliment to the recipient.	Stationery Highland Linen and Crane's Linen Lawn—the gift of gifts for the gentlewomen. In large and small boxes.
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SCOTSDALE HAS TWO MILES OF ROAD OUT PITTSBURG STREET

New Thoroughfare Thrown Open and is a Big Convenience.

HELPS THE FARMERS' HAULING

Field Secretary of the U. B. Mission Board Will Give a Talk Sunday Evening; Mrs. Daniels Entertains Fairview Aid Society; News Notes.

Special to The Courier.

SCOTSDALE, Dec. 8.—With the hauling away of the bricks from West Pittsburg street and the starting of them under the viaduct at the pipe mill cleans the street off and gives Scottdale two miles of excellent brick road, starting with Pittsburg street at Broadway and on out by way of the Tyrone Mills for a mile beyond town. This makes an excellent automobile drive and is used extensively by people hauling in from that way.

Will Talk on Missions.
Rev. William Housh, field secretary of missions for the United Brethren Church, will be here on Sunday and give a lecture in the United Brethren Church on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Scottdale Theatre where the United Brethren people are holding church services. Mr. Housh has with him 50 stereoscopic views that he will use on this tour and show along with his lecture. The public is invited and a silver offering will be taken.

For Sale.
Eight room house, heater, cement cellar, good as new, 3 acres land, 65 bearing fruit trees; 20 minutes' walk from street car line, for \$1,900. E. P. DeWitt.—Adv.

Entertains Aid Society.
Mrs. William Daniels entertained the aid society of the Fairview Church at her Hammondville home on Thursday afternoon. The afternoon was spent sewing and refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

For Rent.
Four room house, will furnish heat, at 203 Loucks avenue. Inquire 205 Loucks avenue.—Adv.

Entertains Flower Club.
Mrs. Frank Mitchell entertained at her Hammondville home on Thursday evening for the Flower Club. The evening was spent with games and music and refreshments were served.

Notes.
E. P. DeWitt has returned home from a few days' stay in Meyersdale with friends.

S. L. Housh and daughter, Mrs. Fanny, and Mrs. Iva Jones of South-ton spent Thursday with friends here.

Mrs. Albert Collins spent yesterday in Mount Pleasant.

Mrs. A. F. Vothers and family returned yesterday from a visit paid friends at Ellettsburg, Mr. Vothers who had accompanied the family, returned home several days ago.

Mrs. V. W. Yabner and Mrs. June Conway spent yesterday with friends in Mount Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters and Mrs. Frank Ast and daughter, Virginia, of Buckhannon, W. Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker.

Mrs. S. B. Reid and family left this morning to visit friends in Pittsburg.

Mrs. F. C. Wray left yesterday to visit Perryopolis friends.

Mrs. A. C. Overholt left yesterday to visit Pittsburg friends.

REVIEW MISSION WORK

Commission on Foreign Holds Meeting at St. Louis.
By Associated Press.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Important movements of church unification in America have advanced during the last four years and will have a far-reaching effect upon the mission field, according to the Commission on Foreign Missions, which reported at today's session of the quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. The report is an exhaustive review of missionary work abroad, laying stress upon the great advance that has been made in co-operation. Discussing Church Union, the committee says:

"The proposed union of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Canada will not only deeply influence the mission policy and situation in Canada, but will deeply affect foreign missions in many fields. The movement toward the unification of Methodism will completely change the missionary situation in Latin America and Asia and Africa, and is rightly stirring profoundly the thought of the missionary leaders."

OHIOPELE.

OHIOPELE, Dec. 9.—Floyd McMullin departed yesterday for Morgantown, W. Va., after a several days' stay here.

Mrs. Jane Morrison, who has spent the past several days in Conneltsville the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Richard McClain, arrived here yesterday.

The West Penn. Bureau of Conneltsville were here yesterday putting up new poles in place of those burned, and the house that are left on Garrett street were lighted up last night.

George Rafferty of Mount Pleasant spent yesterday at his parents' home on Garrett street.

Dr. Colburn of Conneltsville was looking at the ruins here yesterday.

Mrs. Jacob Burnworth of Maple Summit was shopping in town yesterday.

Mrs. Cramer Bailey of Confluence arrived here yesterday to visit friends for a few days.

Harsh Corliss of Uniontown was a business caller here yesterday.

Mrs. Fred DaBerko of Indian Creek was shopping here yesterday.

Mrs. John Totten of Conneltsville returned to her home last evening after a few days' visit here.

Store Hours—Saturday From 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.—Week Days From 8 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.

Christmas Cut Glass

Innovation cut glass in Lilly, Rose and other beautiful designs. Extensive selection of Flower Vases, Fern Dishes, Flower Baskets, Fruit Bowls, Colory Trays, Sugar and Cream Sets, and many others. Price 50c to \$5.00.

Xmas Handkerchiefs

By far the largest assortment we have ever shown. Handkerchiefs of fine cambric, pure linen; Crepe de Chine; variety of Silks; point Lace edge, also many novelty handkerchiefs in plain or initial. Price 10c to 75c per box.

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The Gift Beautiful

Furs of elegance, style, quality—furs that lend a touch of enchanting beauty to your costume. Absolutely reliable, dependable Furs at very moderate prices. We feature tomorrow—Saturday.

A Sale of Children's Furs

Regular up to \$6.90 Fur Sets, Saturday, \$4.95	Regular up to \$4.50 Fur Sets, Saturday, \$2.95
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The assortment includes Red Fox Sets; Gray Kilt Coney Sets and beautiful Tiger Sets.

Fashioned in fine quality pelts, handsomely lined; Mitten shape mitt and cape style neckpiece.

Extra Special

Little Tots Fur Sets, 36 Sets in all, while they last, will be offered tomorrow at the very special price of only \$1.95 per Set.

On display in our Millinery Dept. to make choosing easy and pleasant.

The Christmas Rush is on in Earnest at "The Big Store"

The Big Store is a Gift Store—no matter for whom you desire the gift—no matter what price you want to pay—no matter how many gifts you want to buy—here you will find a wonderful collection conveniently arranged—and in charge of capable, willing, courteous salespeople, who will help you in every way they can.

A Big Coat Opportunity

Up to \$19.75 Silk Plush and Wool Velour Coats. **\$15.00**

Over twenty different styles, including loose flare, belted, ripple or semi-fitted effects; trimmed with Skunk, Opossum, Beaver, Kit Coney. Many satin lined throughout. All sizes for women and misses.

Women & Misses' Coats at \$10	High Class Coats at \$22.50
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Values up to \$19.75. Worth \$5.00 More.

A wonderful assortment. Materials include cheviots, fancy mixtures, zibelines and many other fabrics; all have large cape collars trimmed with Plush and Fur.

Rich coats in exclusive models. Every one just newly arrived. Very extensive collection of finest materials and trimmings. The most luxurious coats at such a low price.

A Sale of Silk Petticoats at \$3.48

They are sold now everywhere at \$4.00. Exquisite Silk Petticoats in all the wanted shades and very newest styles—adjustable waist band. Be sure to see these splendid values.

A Most Remarkable Offer

Up to \$22.50 Women's and Misses' Suits at **\$9.75**

These Suits didn't come to us—no, indeed—we had to hunt for them, but we were fortunate; and now we offer them to you at the same great savings. All colors, all materials, all sizes.

High Grade Suits at \$15	Charming New Dresses at \$15
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Regular \$39.50 Values. Sold regularly at \$19.75.

It is the most important reduction made by us so early in the season. Handsome Suits; exclusive styles in flare, pleated and belted effects, rich Fur trimmings.

This unusual offer enables every woman to solve the question of a fine dress at a big saving. Best of styles in Taffetas, Crepe de Chine, Serges and combination materials.

Xmas Sale of Blouses at \$1.95

Sold regularly at \$2.50. Immense assortment of very attractive styles in crepe de chine, newest silk stripes and other materials—newest collars and sleeves.

Some Toy Department

This is the verdict of the crowds visiting our Toy Department every day. Hundreds of delights here—bring the children tomorrow.

Dressed Dutch character dolls, boys and girls, large selection, price 95c.	Erectors in all sizes, price from \$1.00 and up to \$10.00.
Dressed dolls in various sizes, many imported dolls in the assortment, at 75c and up to \$5.00.	Boogie Bears in variety of colors, also Teddy Bears, price 60c and up to \$2.50.
Undressed dolls, many extra large sizes; every one imported. Price \$1.00 and up to \$11.50.	Trains, very extensive collection, many sizes; price 60c to \$5.00.
Character baby dolls with hair, good sizes, fine selection, at only \$1.50.	Magis Lanterns with slides, various sizes, at 25c and up to \$2.50.
Pianos in all sizes, priced at 95c and up to \$12.50.	Drums, made exceptionally durable, priced at 60c and up to \$5.00.
Graphophones of lasting quality, large size, at only \$9.50.	Dishes of Aluminum, Porcelain and granite; very attractive sets, at 25c and up to \$5.50.
	Hundreds of games, all practical and amusing; price 25c and up to \$1.50.

Extra Special Saturday Only

Tinkertoy, the wonder builder, sold everywhere for not less than 50c; here Saturday **39c**

Xmas Slippers for the Family

At Very Special Prices.

Our enormous stock of Christmas Slippers offer many styles and materials and the prices are extremely reasonable. "Daniel Green" and other makes that represent the finest quality materials and highest grade of workmanship.

Women's Felt Slippers, all colors, trimmed with Fur or Ribbon 98c	Misses Red Felt Slippers with black fur trimming, size 11 1/2 to 2 95c
"Daniel Green" comfy slippers for women, in all colors and trimmings, at \$1.75	Children's Red Felt Slippers, with black fur trimming, size 8 1/2 to 11, all 89c
Boudoir Slippers for women, made of fine Kid, in Blue, Pink and Black with seal \$1.50	Men's fine quality Gray Felt Slippers in all sizes, at \$1.50
Original Indian Moccasins for women, in all sizes, \$1.50	Children's Comfort Slippers in Red Felt, with gray trimmings, all sizes, at 59c

A most elaborate showing of Indian Moccasins for boys, girls and children specially priced at \$1.25, 95c and 50c.

Useful Gifts

Exceptional Qualities at Low Prices

Washable Cape Gloves for women, come in Ivory or Sand color, worth now \$1.75; special at \$1.25.	Men's Bath Robes of very attractive patterns, all sizes; specially priced from \$3.99 up to \$11.90.
Chamoisette Gloves for women, in black, gray and white, all sizes, at 50c.	Hose and Ties, also Handkerchiefs and Tie Sets, in beautiful Christmas boxes, set 50c.
Newest style Neckwear for women in Broadcloth, Georgette and Chiffon, at 50c to \$1.50.	Suspenders and Sore Holder Sets, also separate suspenders, in Holiday boxes, 39c and 50c.
Very latest style Chemises for women, in a fine variety of materials at \$1.00 to \$2.50.	Beautiful Tie and fine quality Silk Scarf to match, the Set only \$1.50.
Bath Robes for women; made of real "Beauport" flannel, big assortment, at \$1.69 to \$7.50.	A very neat adjustable Buckle, will fit any style belt to men at 60c.
Children's Bath Robes, from 2 to 14 years—a gift every child will appreciate, 95c to \$1.95.	Men's Ties, the largest selection we ever had, moderately priced at 39c, 50c, and up to \$1.50.
Novelties of Leather, Ivory, Brass, etc. Hundreds upon hundreds of useful and ornamental articles most appropriate for Christmas giving, at 25c to \$4.50.	Men's Shirts, a splendid showing of dozens and dozens of Shirts in Percales, as well as newest striped Silks. Price from 69c up to \$5.50.

returned to her home last evening after a few days' visit here.

Carl Slagle returned to his home here yesterday after a short business trip in the east.

Wallace Chuck returned to his home in Uniontown after helping his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chuck gather their belongings from the fire.

Allege Big Damages.
The Glass-Steel Steel & Iron Company today entered suit in the Circuit Court here against the Pratt Consolidated Coal Company for \$401,000 damages because of alleged removal of coal from the lands of the plaintiff.

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BUSINESS MEN ARE CO-OPERATING WITH TRADE COMMISSION

The Annual Report of the Federal Body is Made Public Today.

AIMS TO PROMOTE EFFICIENCY

Commission Also Proposes to Maintain Proper Standards of Commercial Morality in American Business, and to Prevent All Unfair Competition.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The country's business men have given hearty cooperation to the Federal Trade Commission in its efforts to maintain proper standards of commercial morality in American business, according to the annual report of the commission made public today.

Development of the commission's policy has had for its purpose, the report declares, promotion of the best business efficiency. Its aim has been "to understand and make allowance for the difficulty of the problem, to see both sides of every case, to protect men in the furtherance of legitimate self-interest by all reasonable and normal methods, and at the same time to keep the channels of competition free and open to all, so that a man with small capital may engage in business in competition with powerful rivals, assured that he may operate his business free from harassment and intimidation and may be given a fair opportunity to work out his business problems with such industry, efficiency and intelligence as he may possess."

The report lays stress on the work of the commission in preventing unfair competition. Since its creation and up to the end of the fiscal year the commission has considered 246 applications for the issuance of complaints against corporations and firms accused of unfair practices. Of those, 107 have been disposed of in various ways. Some concerns are ordered to discontinue the methods, and in some cases no law violations were found. The charges covered many kinds of law violations.

The trade commission's work has included also economic and special investigations. What the commission considers its most important economic inquiry was into the subject of co-operation in export trade. This report was issued during the summer and recommended to Congress that American manufacturers be permitted to form export combinations. A bill providing for that, having the endorsement of the administration, is now pending in Congress.

One investigation had to do with uniform accounting methods. That showed, according to the commission, a large percentage of the country's manufacturers and merchants had slight knowledge of their costs of production or selling expenses. An investigation of trade possibilities and conditions in each of the country's industries, the report says, developed information that will prove invaluable to producers and persons contemplating investments.

The commission investigated the high cost prices of gasoline, started inquiries into the print paper situation and the bituminous and anthracite coal industries, continued its investigation of resale price maintenance and aided in disposing of the Mexican steel crop.

Activities in connection with reinforcement of the Sherman act included an investigation to determine the relations existing between various companies into which the Standard Oil Company was dissolved and preparation of a decree in the Corn Products Refining Company case referred to it by the Federal courts.

An urgent appeal is made to Congress for a larger appropriation, for carrying on the work of the commission which, the report declares, has grown so heavy that the present force of employees cannot handle it.

A B. & O. Steamship Line. Official announcement has been made that negotiations are under way between the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company and a group of South American capitalists for the formation of a \$15,000,000 steamship company, whose vessels will ply between Baltimore and South American ports.

Wabash Reorganization. Application for approval of the incorporation of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad Company, a reorganization of the Wabash, has been filed with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission.

At the Theatres

NOISSON THEATRE.

"THE GILDED CAGE"—Featuring Alice Brady will be the attraction at the Noisson today. In securing this attraction the management was put to no little trouble to obtain at this early date, as the success with which "The Gilded Cage" has met wherever shown has produced a demand for the story, and it can readily be understood that everyone cannot play the exceptional feature at the same time. The acts, the costuming, the attention to details—everything which could enhance the value of the already strong story, was attended to in a thoroughly capable manner. In support of Miss Brady, the best cast of actors obtainable was assembled and all do their share towards making this feature another standing monument to the ever-increasing supremacy of World Pictures. Brady-Made as for the story itself, a few short paragraphs describing a very small percentage of the big situations which



Alice Brady in "The Gilded Cage"

also, will give an idea of the interest which is held throughout. Princess Honor, direct from the convent of the Holy Sisters, takes her place as queen upon the throne vacated by her parents being assassinated. The covetous prime minister plans to overthrow the little kingdom and set up a republic with himself as ruler. The people are noticeably restless, and an outbreak against all authority is looked for at any moment. In order to find a way to bring her subjects into a better understanding of what she is trying to do for them, the princess disguised as a peasant girl, goes to live among them. Prince Boris has renounced his title and joined the ranks of the people who positively adore him. Prince and princess, as two plain peasants, are brought together and thus begins a romance which very nearly ends on the scaffold, but in an intense scene this calamity is averted.

"THE HERO OF SAN JUAN"—A two reel Bi-Z drama featuring Grace Darmond and Francis Ford. "A Jack-in-the-box" is a comedy with Gale Henry. "Sunny Johnson at the Seaside" Powers cartoon. Monday, "Beatrice Fairfax" No. 10, featuring Grace Darmond. "The Shielding Shadow" No. 7, featuring Grace Darmond.

THE PARAMOUNT.

"A CORNER IN COLLEENS"—A quiet and amusing story of life in a rustic corner in Ireland, with Bessie Barriscale, the "Triangle" favorite, in the leading role, and a two reel Keystone comedy, are being presented today. First of all in "A Corner in Colleens," there is the Widow Fahy, who lives in a little cottage on a big estate, and in the self appointed guardianship of four of the prettiest girls in the country. Shammy, the eldest, is an incurable tomboy, but a good girl at heart. The family struggles along on little or nothing without a thought of care, until one day news reaches them that the owner of the cottage whom they live, rent free, is coming from America to claim his property. The widow is up in arms, vowing to protect her wards from any intruding foreigners. And so when Richard Taylor arrives he finds it wiser to conceal his identity, especially after he has seen Shammy (Bessie Barriscale). Shammy does everything to make Richard's life unhappy, tormenting him with a hundred tricks. The picture affords Miss Barriscale a chance to do things she likes best, plenty of comedy and more heart throbs. A highly amusing sequence of scenes in the action shows Miss Barriscale in the disguise of a young man; but she is so palpably a forlorn little bundle of femininity that all the soldiers in the regiment which captures her have to pretend they are taken in by her deception. Monday, in

NEWS OF THE DAY AS GATHERED UP AT MT. PLEASANT

Baptist Church Congregation Holds Annual Election.

THE P. H. C. ALSO ELECTS

Pittsburg Board of Trade Basketball Team Comes to the Armory and is Defeated by the Local Team, 47-31; Sunday School Convention Success.

Special to The Courier.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 9.—The Protected Home Circle met and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. John Nixon; vice president, Ben Parfitt; secretary, Mrs. Elmer Whetsel; treasurer, Mrs. Lida Carr; pianist, Mrs. Willmott; trustees, John Nixon; guide, Mrs. Frank Elchert.

The First Baptist Church held the annual church election at the church here last evening and elected the following officers: Trustees for the Memorial Hospital, James S. Braddock, Dr. M. S. Kuhn and Robert Burkholder; ushers and collectors, Harry Kuhn, Charles Clark, John Kennedy and M. P. Cadden; organist, Emma Myers; assistant, Leannah Haver; church treasurer, Charles Clark; benevolence treasurer, Elizabeth Braddock; church clerk, R. J. Burkholder; deacons, John Leonard, J. S. Braddock, Fred DePriest, Dr. M. S. Kuhn and W. S. Leeper; trustees, J. S. Braddock, Fred DePriest, Mrs. Mary M. Zimmerman, C. L. Kuhn, M. P. Cadden, Charles Clark, Mrs. Sarah Wise, J. I. Cornwall, Mrs. Margaret Freed; Sunday school superintendent, Fred DePriest; assistant, J. I. Cornwall. Following the election refreshments were served and a very pleasant social hour was spent.

Visitors Lose. The Pittsburg Board of Trade Basketball team was defeated at the state assembly last evening by the Independents by a score of 47 to 34.

District Convention. The Sunday school convention of the eighth district was held in the United Brethren Church yesterday afternoon and evening with excellent attendance. The afternoon session opened with the registration of delegates, followed by devotional services. Address, "The Difficulties of Teachers Training," was given by Mrs. S. C. Stevenson and brought out the points that the average teacher needs assistance on. Rev. T. C. Harper gave an excellent address on "The Team Ago." The above topics were then discussed and Rev. A. W. Barley gave an address on "Training the Child in Stewardship." Mrs. J. L. Undergraph gave an address on "Temperance Victories and How the Sunday School Can Assist in Coming Victories." The following topics were discussed and the following officers were elected: President, T. O. Anderson; vice president, Walter Evans; secretary, John Sauer; treasurer, John L. Ruth. Dr. Knox opened the evening services with devotionals and the various committees out gave in their reports. Rev. W. A. Knapp of Greensburg gave an excellent address.

In addition to "The Gates of Eden," a two part Metro attraction with Viola Dana in the leading role, pictures of the Uniontown speedway races will be shown.

Port. "A fool and his money are soon parted, my son." "Who put yours away from you, and?"—Detroit Free Press.

Had His Measure.



"I can't quite make out what Ruth means." "Why not?" "She keeps on referring to my mother-in-law as a keeper."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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LOCAL TEAM LOSES.

Connellsville Bowlers Go Down to Defeat at Uniontown.

O'Neil and Lyons of Uniontown defeated Opperman and R. Wilson of Connellsville on the Penn alleys in Uniontown last night by 55 pins, overcoming the local men's lead of 46 pins, gained in the games played here. Opperman and Wilson thus lost the match by nine pins. Last night's scores:

UNIONTOWN. O'Neil, 183; Lyons, 155, 166; total 338; Lyons, 138, 114, 115, 147, 134; total, 648; totals 321, 255, 273, 312, 300; total 1462.

CONNELLSVILLE. Opperman, 135, 122, 138, 156, 143; total, 794; Wilson, 157, 107, 123, 163, 152, total, 702; totals, 292, 229, 291, 329, 395; total, 1400.

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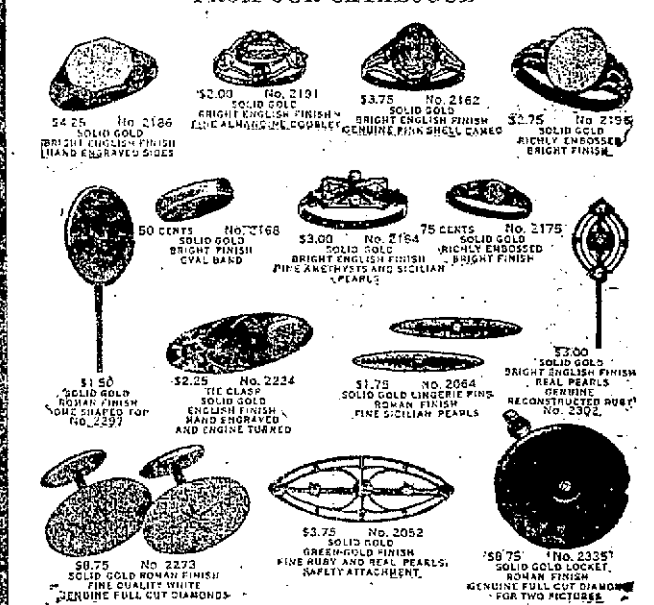


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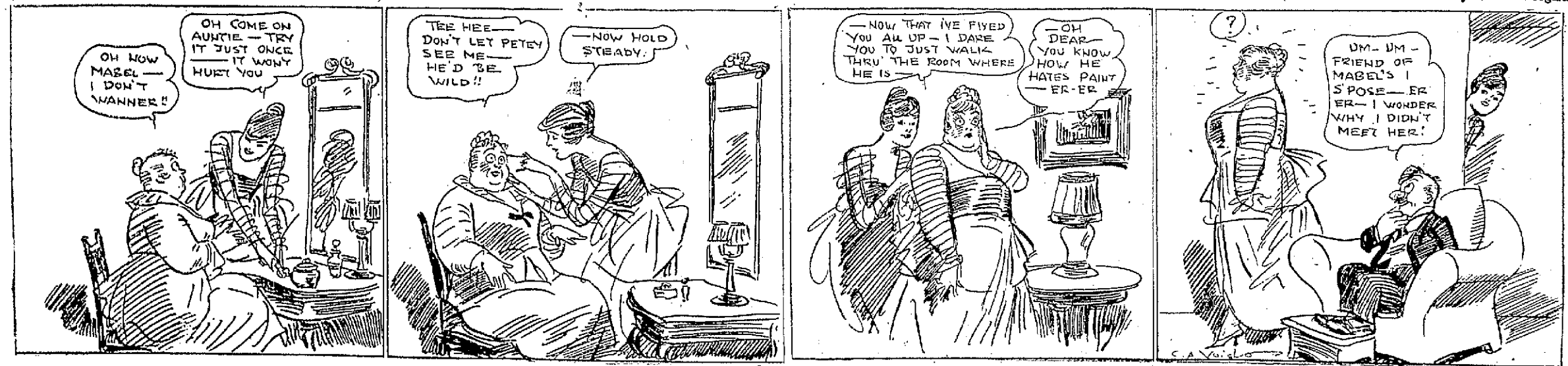
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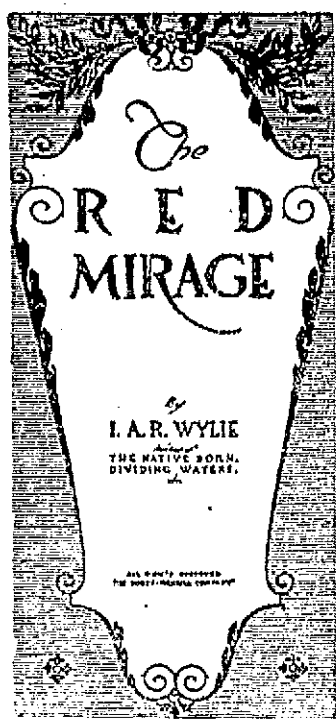
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CHAPTER IX.

Justification.

Colonel Destina bent over the map spread out before him in an attitude of concentrated attention. It was an unusual-looking map, roughly outlined and almost destitute of the ordinary network of mountains and rivers. At the top a single town had been marked, and from thence downward there ran a dark red line, almost unbroken, which cut the upper part of the white line in two distinct halves. On either side of this line there were towns marked and the beginnings of water ways, but in no instance did these extend beyond an inch on either side of the line. At last, however, the red line had absorbed everything, and that what lay beyond its immediate radius was of no account, a blank white waste of the populated country. The lower part of the map had been painted yellow, and there the red line faded and broke off. Colonel Destina's head hovered over the jagged end, and his brow was knitted into an expression of thwarted impatience. On the other side of the table an elderly man wearing the uniform of a French army doctor sat and stroked his neatly-trimmed beard with a reflective hand. From time to time he glanced doubtfully at his companion, and at last, receiving no attention, gave vent to an apologetic cough.

"I am afraid I have come at an inopportune moment," he said. "You are busy. The matter is of really no importance."

Destina started and looked up.

"Pardon me, I was absorbed in a difficult calculation. You are mistaken."



He Stood in a Bright Patch Which the Moon Threw on to the Sandy Avenue.

The matter is of importance. Life is no doubt cheap out here, but economy has to be practiced even in cheap towns. Besides, order has been established in Still-bell-Abies, and any act of wanton aggression must be punished with a hard hand. You say the bullet has been extracted?"

"Yes."

"Did it suggest anything to you?" The doctor shrugged his shoulders. His sunken eyes had shifted from the colonel's face to the floor.

"It forced me to the conclusion that the assailant was in possession of an army revolver—stolen, without doubt."

"Without doubt," Colonel Destina agreed. "The man is doing well!"

"As well as can be expected. There was considerable loss of blood following the extraction. Ah, here!"

"Next week I am taking a fresh batch with me down south to the present terminus. Will our English friend be in a fit state to bear us company?"

"Undoubtedly—if he is not sent back to his regiment for the present. Otherwise—"

"His expression was significant."

At that moment Captain Arnaud entered and he sat up stiffly. Destina glanced over his shoulder.

"Ah, good morning! Well, I shall not detain you any longer, doctor. In the course of the day I may have a look at the sufferer, and I shall then give further orders. The culprit you can leave to me. Sit down, won't you, Arnaud?"

The young officer remained standing. He returned the doctor's greeting mechanically and his features were blank. As the door closed Colonel Destina threw down his pencil and his eyes met.

"Sit down."

"This line Arnaud obeyed. The elderly man bent forward with his chin resting

ing on his hand. In the ordinary course of events I should have had you arrested last night," he said. "If I did not do so it was because there was something unusual in the case that interested me. Given in the Legion madness has its method. A man in your position does not go out of his way to shoot down a poor harmless devil without reason. You had a reason and I wish to know it."

"For God's sake, don't jest with me! Do what you mean to do and have mercy enough not to turn this business into a burlesque. If it is a confession you want—"

Destina rose, and his heavy flat feet clattered on the table.

"I have asked for your justification," he said. "For ten minutes I am prepared to judge you by my own laws. It is an offer worth accepting, Arnaud."

"For what reason?"

"There are only two reasons possible. When we hate, it is either because the object has injured or humiliated us unbearably. I have both these reasons to justify me."

"You have still five minutes to explain, Captain Arnaud."

"Explain!" He laughed, and in his laughter there already sounded a note of suffering becoming intolerable. "Explain in five minutes what it has taken months for me to realize—my God—and yet it is so simple enough. A woman—the eternal cause, the eternal explanation!"

"Your wife?"

"Who else?"

"I have heard rumors, Arnaud."

"I have lost my wife! I lost her months ago—I never possessed her. It was a dream. She fell in love with me a moonlight night when the regimental band played in the Cercle and there was glamour and color everywhere—over Still-bell-Abies, over me, over my life, over my love for her. We knew that glamour, my colonel. It looked out of me. It blinded me. I followed her to England while the glory of it all was still strong in her imagination. I made her throw over the man to whom she was virtually bound."

"The man whom you tried to murder last night?"

"You're right—you guessed right. That was the man. I made her break with him. It would have been a damnable thing to have done if I had known—but I never knew for certain. I refused to see for myself, and she told me, perhaps, anyhow, it wouldn't have mattered. All's fair in love, and I didn't care who suffered. But that wasn't all. I was in debt. An international spy had got hold of and killed and threatened me alternately. To get out of his clutches, I gambled like a fool and lost—all the time. At last I yielded. I made use of my friendship with an English officer to get hold of what I believed to be valuable information. Oh, I did it badly enough. They found me out and there wasn't an inch between me and ruin. God knows what would have been the end. I just sat there and waited for them to make up their minds. The man I had ousted was opposite me, and I waited for him to laugh. He came forward and accepted the responsibility. You understand—he was one of them, and he tied their hands. His friend held the door open for him and he went out. It was all done in a minute. I was saved."

"I said, it was true—my wife's ideal had been saved—but only for the time. Little by little she got to know me—and to compare. Oh, she said nothing; but I saw it. I heard it. I felt it every movement, every look, every tone. The man she had cast off became the hero, the realization of her dreams, and I was what I had been from the beginning—a neurotic weakling in a uniform, a rascal who had kept clean for her sake. She shrank from me and I knew she hated me. And he was in my power. I don't know whether I meant to kill him or not. I had come to think, last night chance had the reins. Perhaps at the last moment I might have held back. She stood opposite him in the moonlight—and she was smiling. I heard him call her name—and then it was all done in a flash—I shot him down."

The dry cracked voice broke off. Arnaud staggered to his feet, his hands outstretched in a movement of tragic resignation. "That is my explanation. Make an end of it, he said."

Colonel Destina did not move. In the yellow sun-scorched atmosphere his own face looked livid, and there were fresh lines about the mouth which gave it a deeper, more ruthless power and concentration. The pencil with which he had been playing lay snapped in half in the middle of the table.

"Your ten minutes are over, and you have justified yourself," he said. "You are free."

"You are liberating a madman. What I have done I shall do again!"

"That is that to me?" said Colonel Destina stiffly.

"They watched each other in silence. In Arnaud's eyes there were fear and incredulous question. He made a vague uncertain movement as though groping through darkness. Then came the sudden inevitable collapse of an exhausted man, and the man was once more the automaton, the instrument of a dominating will. Without a word he saluted and turned and staggered from the room."

CHAPTER X.

A Grave is Opened.

It was midday. All Still-bell-Abies seemed to be asleep. The streets were almost empty, and a lazy hazy haze over the deserted cafes where a few indefatigable tourists dozed beneath the fairy striped awnings, watched over by waiters themselves half comatose with sleep and indifference.

In the Cafe du Tonkin the repose was absolute and unbroken. There was only one watcher. Presently foot steps sounded on the stone steps outside. She got up and crossed the uneven floor to the door. Her movements were lithe and noiseless like an animal's, and not one of the heavy sleepers stirred. In the narrow passage which led from the street to the entrance of the cafe a man in European dress waited for her. There was something furtive and restless in his movements that suggested a fear more subtle than that of danger.

set. The girl touched him on his arm, and without a word he followed her across the room of sleepers through a curtained doorway into a second apartment. Here there was no door or window. A charcoal brazier burned in the center, and its dull sullen glow lighted up the shadows and revealed phantom outlines of low divans and oriental tables, and hid their dirt and disorder in soft mysterious twilight.

The girl put her hands upon her companion's shoulders and looked up at him. He had removed his hat, and the moonlight spread in pale repetition, reflection over his white features. It was as though an artificial life had been conjured into the face of a dead man.

"You are changed, Destina. What has happened in these days? Has there been no comfort for you?"

His eyes opened. He threw back his head so that they looked each other in the face.

"I tried to tell him," he said quietly but distinctly, "and I mean to tell him. That is the only change."

"Is that any change? Has it taught your fair, pure young wife to love and honor you?" He ground his teeth together, without answering, and she went on, her voice grown suddenly harsh and contemptuous. "You are a fool, Destina. You are a fool, like all men. What is there in this one woman that you should care? She is pretty, but other than that? I have seen her for it amused me to have a glance at the wonder who could drive two men to the devil. And what is she? A charming doll with a child's eyes and a sparrow's brain. What else?"

The girl rose. She took one of the long-stemmed pipes from the table and lighted it. The brazier. The red candles glowed up on to her face, where was written a number inscrutable bitterness. She came back and placed the pipe in his inert hand.

"There," she said simply. "That is what you have come for. Forgetfulness."

He nodded. Slowly he covered back among the ragged cushions and with half-closed eyes began to smoke. In the bowl there was perfect silence. As the minutes passed the subtle magic perfume sleeping beneath the rank sweetness awoke, the lurking dream and faded came out from among their shadows and moved lightly in and fro in the tightening circle of twilight. Arnaud smiled wistfully at them. Little by little the terrible lines of pain drawn about his features passed, leaving them a white peace. A sigh broke from his loosely parted lips.

"Sylvia—Sylvia—my wife—"

His head dropped back—the strange, stunted pipe slipped from his powerless fingers and fell with a soft thud to the floor. The woman bent over him and kissed him. A single tear, drawn from a well of savage pity, had dropped on the unremembered brow.

"God of our fathers," she whispered from between clenched teeth. "Thou knowest I am bad—rotten to the heart—but thou knowest also I am not so bad as the woman who sent this man to me."

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ARTMAN & WORK

"The Toy Shop"

The Merriest Place in Town

Santa Claus will gladden the hearts of thousands of children in town this year in the toys selected from our gorgeous toy shop. Everything that heart can wish; bigger and better than ever. Shop early before the big rush begins and get the best selections.

A B C Blocks, 5c to \$1.00.
Doll Beds, 25c, 50c and \$1.00.
Spelling Boards, 10c to \$1.00.
Blackboards, 25c to \$2.00.
Books, 5c to \$1.75.
Telling Books, 5c to \$1.00.
Telling Books, 10c to \$2.75.
Kitchen Cabinets, 75c to \$5.00.
Wardrobe Trunks, \$2.50.
Kiddie Cars, \$1.00 to \$2.50.
Chairs, 25c to \$4.00.
Desk and Chair Sets, \$1.25 to \$5.
Dresses, 25c to \$5.00.
Frieze Toys, 25c to \$1.50.
Go-Carts, 25c to \$5.00.
Mechanical Toys, 10c to \$3.00.
Pianos, 25c to \$2.50.

Rubber Toys, 5c to \$1.00.
Celluloid Novelties, 5c to 50c.
Sail Cases, 25c to \$1.00.
Shoo-Fly, \$1.00 to \$4.00.
Sandy Andy, 50c to \$1.00.
Automobiles, \$1.00.
Riding Toys, 25c to 50c.
Leaning Boards, 10c to 50c.
Wheel Chests, 25c to \$3.00.
Trunks, 25c to \$3.00.
Tables, 25c to \$5.00.
Xmas Trees, 10c to \$1.50.
Yachtclubs, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
Woodenware, 25c to \$1.50.
Wagons, 25c to \$4.50.
Banks, 5c to \$1.00.

Rubber Balls, 5c to \$1.00.
Rattles, 10c to 50c.
Balls, 10c to \$1.00.
Battleships, 50c.
Wash Boards, 10c to 25c.
Toy Irons, 10c, 25c, 50c.
Paint Sets, 10c to \$1.00.
Piano Stools, 25c.
Telephones, 10c.
Tea Sets, 10c to \$4.00.
Tinker Toys, 50c.
Humpty Dumpty Circus, \$1.00.
Toy Furniture, 10c up.
Air Holes, 75c to \$1.75.
Pop-Guns, 10c to 50c.
Horses, 25c to \$4.00.

Hobby Horses, \$1.25 to \$10.00.
Parcheesi, 75c.
Trinity Chimes, \$1.25.
Rolling Chimes, 25c to 50c.
Music Rolls, 50c to \$1.00.
Glove Boxes, 10c up.
Cigar and Cuff Boxes, 50c to \$5.00.
Work Boxes, 25c to \$1.00.
Crackinole, \$1.00 to \$3.75.
Smoker Sets, 25c to \$5.00.
Comb and Brush Sets, \$1.00 to \$5.00.
Horns, 5c to 25c.
Santa Claus Masks, 10c up.
Pinech and UH, 50c.
Old Maid Authors, 5c up.
Rook, 50c.
Polyonnas, 75c.

American Model Builder.

Steel construction toys. Boys can make bridges, cranes, Zeppelins, disappearing guns—all sorts of things. Complete stocks in all sizes.

Regular	Number of Parts	WHI Build	Price
No. 0	53 parts	105 models—\$.50	
No. 1	114 parts	173 models—\$1.00	
No. 2	188 parts	232 models—\$2.00	
No. 3	287 parts	271 models—\$3.00	
No. 4	392 parts	314 models—\$5.00	
(Motor Free)			
No. 5	535 parts	336 models—\$7.50	
(Motor Free)			
No. 11 with motor			\$2.00
No. 12 with motor			\$3.00
No. 13 with motor			\$4.00
No. 0-1-2 accessory outfit			\$.50
No. 1-1-2 accessory outfit			\$1.00
No. 2-1-2 accessory outfit			\$1.00
No. 3-1-2 accessory outfit (motor free)			\$2.00
No. 4-1-2 accessory outfit			\$2.50

Dolls

Our family of Dolls is complete from the tiny Character Doll to the elaborate dressed kind. It was our good fortune to obtain a rather large quantity of German made Dolls—blaque head kid body, etc. which we offer to quick buyers—for they'll go fast.

Painted Dolls	10c to \$3.00
Kid Body Dolls	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Dressed Dolls	10c to \$2.50
Unbreakable Dolls	25c to \$2.25
Infant Dolls	50c to \$5.00
Kupie Dolls	25c to \$1.00

DOLL ACCESSORIES.

Wigs (real hair)	35c to \$2.00
Heads	5c to \$1.75
Shoes and Stockings	5c to 25c
Sweaters and Caps	5c to 75c

The Alura Phonograph

This is not a toy but a real talking machine. Come in and hear it play. Our special price—\$3.48

China

200 Piece Dinner Set, blue and gold	\$22.50
Gold Band Imported China in open stock:	
1-2 dozen Plates	\$4.10
1-2 dozen Cups and Saucers	\$4.10
1-2 dozen Desserts	\$1.75
Salads Cake Plates, Celery and Spoon Trays	
Vases	25c, 50c, 75c and up
Mayonnaise Dishes	50c to \$1.50
Fruit and Celery Sets	50c to \$2.50

Open Every Evening Until Christmas

POINT OUT EVILS OF LAX MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE LAWS

Commission on Family Life of Churches of Christ Makes Report.

DIVORCES AVERAGE ONE IN TEN

"Common Law Marriages," Valid in 23 States, Call for Serious Consideration, Commission Says, and Such Unions Should be Null and Void.

By Associated Press.

WRIGHT-METZLER CO.

Open Saturday Till 10 P. M.

Save Gold Bond Stamps!

ALL PRICES ON LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S APPAREL REDUCED ONE-FOURTH AND MORE

A Sale of Christmas Stationery Begins Saturday

Have you been watching the rise in the price of paper and of paper stocks lately? If you have you will better appreciate the excellence of this offering. Hundreds of boxes of the very best Stationery obtainable will be included in this Christmas Sale. We assembled these during the last few months when prices were much less than they are now. At 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00 a box, we offer quantities which could not be replaced today at anything near those prices. Save on your Christmas list by giving liberally of these excellent values.

PANELED INITIAL STATIONERY: black foil outlined in gold. All letters, 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes. Special at the box **29c**

HUNDREDS OF BOXES GOOD STATIONERY, too many kinds, sizes and styles to describe, other than to say there are styles for men, women, and even some for children. The value we want you to decide for yourself, but it's far above our special price of the box **25c**

ELTON, CRANE AND PHILIP Highland Linen Correspondence Cards and Boxed Stationery in white, sky, pink, rose, grey, maize and lavender. The name itself, "Highland Linen," is sufficient guarantee of quality. Special, at the box **35c**

VALUES DE LUXE, hundreds of boxes in all styles and combinations of cards and paper in white and colors. Paneled and gold bevel edge effects, including gold edge Highland Linen in paper and cards; attractive holiday boxes, and all most unusual values, at our special price, the box **50c**

SAMPLE LINE BOXED STATIONERY, packed in fancy holiday boxes and in cretoms—covered boxes. Writing paper and envelopes; also combinations of writing paper and cards. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.75 values. Save 25c to 75c by buying at our special price, the box **\$1.00**

CRANE'S LINEN LAWN, boxed paper with tissue lined envelopes in pink, blue, and lavender. Also paneled paper with colored edges. Special at the box **\$1.25**



CABINETS OF CHRISTMAS STATIONERY, containing three different sizes of paper and envelopes to match, and correspondence cards. These are packed in blue, pink, and grey shaded boxes. Highland Linen, Linen Lawn or Quartered Oak. Special from \$5 each down to **\$1.50**

CRANE'S PICTURE ARCHIVES, in boxes containing paneled paper and correspondence cards, with gold bevel edges. Special at the box **\$2.50**

ELEGANT GIFT STATIONERY in boxes containing 24 sheets of paper and 24 envelopes. Square or rectangular envelopes. Colored edge or gold bevel edge papers. Special **\$2.00**

for the box at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00. Special for the box at 75c and 85c

CORRESPONDENCE CARDS may be purchased here separately in plain white with gold or silver bevel or colored edges; also in such pretty colors as pink, blue and lavender, or paneled. In such excellent quantities as Highland Linen, Crane's Linen Lawn or Crane's Raveland Vellum. May be had at **25c**

all prices from \$1.00 the box down to **\$1.25**. In instances where the quality of the work must be very high, is properly and promptly executed. We specialize in wedding announcements, invitations, calling cards, monograms, coats of arms and engraved stationery of the better sort. All work guaranteed. Prices moderate.

In One of the Greatest Early Season Sales This Store Has Ever Announced

IN GOING THROUGH OUR STOCKS we find entirely too many garments on hand for this time of the season, and this is our only reason for announcing a reduction on such an elaborate scale. Not an old style in the entire collection, no odd lots, no special purchases, but every garment fresh and new and of our customary good quality. A wonderful opportunity—this—for securing fashionable new attire for the holiday season at much less than its actual value.



Ladies' Coats Reduced One-Fourth

Your choice of any Ladies' Coat in stock, except Fur, at reductions of a fourth and more. Bolivia Cloth, Plush, Broadcloth, Chinchilla, Esquinnette, Astrakhan and so on, in all the proper styles and colors. A great many fur trimmed. All sizes.

\$15.00 Coats, now	\$11.25	\$37.50 Coats, now	\$27.50
\$17.50 Coats, now	\$13.50	\$39.75 Coats, now	\$29.50
\$19.75 Coats, now	\$14.50	\$45.00 Coats, now	\$33.50
\$25.00 Coats, now	\$18.50	\$49.75 Coats, now	\$37.50
\$29.75 Coats, now	\$22.50	\$57.50 Coats, now	\$43.00
\$35.00 Coats, now	\$26.50	\$65.00 Coats, now	\$49.50

Ladies' Dresses One-Fourth Less

Every Dress in the store, including beautiful evening Gowns, at a clear saving of one-fourth and more. Serges, Combinations of Serge and Georgette, Serge and Taffeta, and pretty models in Charmeuse and Georgette in the many varied good styles and colors of the season. Sizes for ladies' and misses.

\$ 6.50 Dresses, now	\$ 4.75	\$25.00 Dresses, now	\$18.50
\$ 8.50 Dresses, now	\$ 6.25	\$29.75 Dresses, now	\$22.50
\$10.00 Dresses, now	\$ 7.50	\$35.00 Dresses, now	\$26.50
\$12.50 Dresses, now	\$ 9.25	\$39.75 Dresses, now	\$29.50
\$15.00 Dresses, now	\$11.25	\$45.00 Dresses, now	\$33.50
\$19.75 Dresses, now	\$14.50	\$65.00 Dresses, now	\$49.50

Children's Coats One-Fourth Less

Your unrestricted choice of any Coat in stock, including Chinchillas, Waffle Cloth, Chevots, Broadcloths, Mixtures and so on through a lengthy list of warm, serviceable materials. Coats for school or for dress in a big range of colors. All wanted sizes.

\$ 4.25 Coats, now	\$ 3.25	\$ 7.50 Coats, now	\$ 5.75
\$ 5.00 Coats, now	\$ 3.75	\$10.00 Coats, now	\$ 7.50
\$ 6.50 Coats, now	\$ 4.75	\$15.00 Coats, now	\$11.25

Your Unrestricted Choice of Any Ladies' Winter Suit in Stock Half-Price

Poplins, Serges, Velours, Broadcloths, and many other desirable materials in the colors wanted for Winter use. An opportunity that only comes twice yearly and should be taken advantage of immediately. Sizes for ladies, misses and juniors. You save just as much as you pay.

\$75.00 Suits, now	\$37.50	\$39.75 Suits, now	\$19.88
\$65.00 Suits, now	\$32.50	\$35.00 Suits, now	\$17.50
\$57.50 Suits, now	\$28.75	\$29.75 Suits, now	\$14.88
\$49.75 Suits, now	\$24.88	\$25.00 Suits, now	\$12.50
\$47.50 Suits, now	\$23.75	\$22.50 Suits, now	\$11.25
\$45.00 Suits, now	\$22.50	\$19.75 Suits, now	\$9.88
\$42.50 Suits, now	\$21.25	\$15.00 Suits, now	\$ 7.50

Gold Bond Stamps Pay Another 4 Per Cent

Monday is the Last Day We Can Accept Orders for Engraved Christmas Greeting Cards



An Overcoat

Must Have Warmth.
Must Have Style.
Must Have Service.

These requirements an Overcoat must have before it is even admitted to our stock. This serves as a check against unreliable qualities and safeguards the high Wright-Metzler standard.

If you're looking for a coat, and no doubt you DO want one before the holidays, we suggest that you inspect our showing at

**\$15, \$20, \$25
and up to \$35**

The best styles advanced for men and young men in the patterns and colors men like. Coats for every use and every occasion from Work Coat to full dress styles. See especially those at \$20.

**Men's Suits
\$15 to \$30**

Of course, you can pay a high priced tailor MORE than we ask, and you might pay some dealer a little less, but when compared dollar for dollar, men who really know value choose ours every time.

The assortment is most complete in every respect—styles, patterns, colors, weight and sizes. Fit guaranteed.

**A Full Dress Suit is an
Excellent Gift**

A Great Demand for Ladies' Novelty Boots

Especially for those of the better quality and style women are accustomed to receive at this store. A very sensible and economical purchase either for personal use or for gifts, for if predictions come true, prices will soon be much higher.

Mouse Grey Vamp with ivory top, button, turn sole. Louis heel \$7.50 pair.

English Walking Boots, much wanted by women in search of newer things, in wine Cord-Calf, \$8 pair.

Black Kid Boots, \$ 10 9 inch tops, lace, light welt sole, Louis heel, \$5 to \$6 pair.

Ladies' Boots in beautiful conservative styles, black, both button and lace, wonderful values at \$9.50 to \$5 pair.

Black Kid Vamp with beige top, 8 1/2 inches high, lace, light welt sole, Louis heel, \$8.50 pair.

Brown Kid Vamp with 8 1/2 inch beige top, lace, light welt sole, Louis heel, \$8.50 pair.

Black Kid Vamp with ivory top, button, light welt sole, Louis heel, \$7.50 pair.

Mouse Grey Vamp with ivory top, button, light welt sole, Louis heel, \$7.50 pair.

Xmas Gift Suggestions for Men and Boys

Being entirely practical, these gifts are certain of a most hearty welcome. Moderately priced they are very economical and quite within the reach of all.

Knittees, silk or wool or silk knit many colors and styles, 75c to \$7.50.

Umbrellas, best to be had at \$1.00 to \$6.00.

Combination Christmas Boxes containing Tie and Hose to match, 50c and \$1.

Boots, black, tan, or white, 25c, 50c to \$1.50 and \$2 each.

Felt Slippers, black or grey, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50. Hosiery, cotton, silk or silk, lace to \$2.00 pair.

Dress Gowns, black, tan, grey, natural or ivory, \$1.50 to \$3.50. Handkerchiefs Initial or plain, 15c to 50c.

The Warmth of Good Blankets on a Cold, Shivery Night

Means more than all the poetry and paintings in the world put together. Not since we first began to sell Blankets have we ever had as large a stock as we now have, and the lower and medium-priced assortments are especially large. Besides our well known qualities in regular cotton and wool Blankets there are a few specialties deserving of particular mention.

ACTO RUGS, sizes 60x72 and 60x80 in., in plaids or plain colors, fringed or hemmed. Prices \$5.50 to \$12.50.

TRAVELING RUGS, or couch throws, size 60x80 in., in blue, grey, tan, copen and green plaids. Price \$5.00.

INDIAN BLANKETS, 66x80 in., tan, red, and grey, silk bound. Price, \$5.00.

BATH ROBE BLANKETS, plaids and figured in tan, copen navy red, green, grey; Frogs and giraffe to match. Price \$3 complete.

BATH BLANKETS, size 30x40 in. in plain colors with green border. Bound. Price, \$1.35.

BATH BLANKETS, pink or blue, figured, florals and checks. Prices 60c, 90c, \$1.25.

A Joyous Fairyland of Toys



Tool Chests, all sizes \$1.50 to \$5.00.

Doll Baby Carriages, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Doll Trunks, many sizes, 50c, \$1.00, \$2.00 each.

Schoenhut's Cracker Jack Clown and equipment, 50c ea.

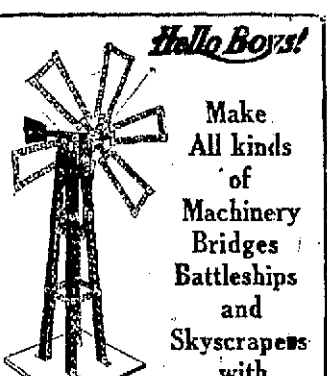
Character Dolls, 25c, 40c, \$1, to \$6.00.

Toy Soldiers, 50c and \$1.00 set.

Schoenhut's Humpty Dumpty Figure, \$1.00 to \$2.50.

Cro-Auto-Cars, blue and low gear, electric fan and headlights, band brake, \$15 each.

Conster Wagons, \$2.25 to \$4.00.



ERECTOR

"The Toy Like Structural Steel" Erector gives you the most parts for building the strongest and largest models. You can make big, strong models quickly and easily like the real things, because the pieces are all scientifically made and correct in design and proportion. A sturdy electric motor which will lift 200 lbs. comes with most sets.

Come in and see Erector. Ask for booklet about Erector \$5.00. Prize Contest which also tells how boys can secure free membership in the

GILBERT INSTITUTE OF ERECTOR ENGINEERING, and win Diplomas, Degrees, a Salaried Position, etc.

\$1 to \$15 Set

Only 12 Shopping Days!

PARCEL POST TO CUT LIVING COST

Postmaster General Burleson (Chicago) will order it.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report, issued yesterday, declares there was a Postoffice Department surplus of \$5,200,000 during the present year and enumerates as among the year's accomplishments improvement of the parcel post, extension of city and rural deliveries and development of the postal savings system.

A surplus of \$12,500,000 is shown as the report for three years of the four the administration has been in office, and it calls attention to deficits under previous administrations.

Growth of the parcel post will cut the cost of living to the city dweller, the report declares. The service is now handling ninety million packages a month. Liberal changes in its regulations have done much to bring about its extension, it is declared.

Under a law passed last July the Department on November 1 put parts of the railway mail service on the space basis of pay, using rates which are the maximum provided by the act. These rates, the report says, are excessive and under the law the department will on January 1 file with the Interstate Commerce Commission a comprehensive plan of service which will embody a recommendation looking to a reduction of the rates.

Rich Widow Dies. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Mary Warden Harkness, widow of Charles W. Harkness of the Standard Oil Company, whose estate yesterday was appraised at \$10,566,896, died today at a hospital where she had undergone an operation.

WORRIED OVER COKE

Cleveland Foundrymen Pay Big Prices and See No Relief in Sight.

Cleveland foundrymen are worried over the coke situation and see no immediate relief from the pinch in sight, says The Daily Iron Trade. Several large foundries have been obliged to go into the market recently and purchase spot coke at high prices to fill in gaps between the receipt of shipments specified some time ago under regular contracts.

On an order of this character last week one Cleveland foundryman was obliged to pay \$10.35 for five carloads, or about 200 tons. This foundry, which melts nearly 100 tons of iron daily, has been living on a hand-to-mouth basis as to coke for several weeks. Although a strenuous effort is being made to build up a reserve supply, it is feared that shutdowns will be inevitable when winter begins in earnest.

This situation is considered typical of a large number of foundries operating in the Cleveland district.

THE BEST GIFT.

Fathers, Mothers, Uncles and Aunts Should Read This.

Years ago many Connellsville children were presented with savings accounts on Christmas by relatives or friends. A large percentage of those children, now grown to manhood and womanhood, have substantial bank accounts. Some have started in business on the money they saved; others have obtained a liberal education and many had a nice sum to furnish a home when they married. That is why we say a Savings account is the best gift of all. Such accounts may be started at the old reliable First National with \$1, and liberal interest, compounded twice a year, is paid.—Adv.

Patronize those who advertise.

NO MERGER YET

President Campbell Says Purchasing Stock is Premature.

J. A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Steel & Tube Company, lately returned from an extended business trip East, declares purchasers of his corporation's common stock at prevailing market prices in expectation of an early merger involving his company and other independents, will be disappointed.

He says so far as he has been able to learn, outlook for an early consumation of the European war is less favorable than some time ago. He says indications for a continuation of present trade conditions in the steel market next year are very favorable unless the unexpected in the peace line develops.

Hunting Bargains? If so, read our advertising columns.

MEYERSDALE

MEYERSDALE, Dec. 9.—Rev. J. Luther Frantz of Knoxville, Tenn., who recently accepted a call to the Meyersdale Zion Lutheran Church, will assume charge on Sunday, December 10. Everybody is invited to the services and to meet the new pastor.

Services will be conducted in the Episcopal Church Sunday morning at 10:30 by Rev. Mr. Martin of Froshburg, Md., who will also administer the holy communion.

Mrs. George W. Caylor of Sand Patch spent Friday visiting and shopping in Meyersdale.

Robert Foto left yesterday for a few days' stay in Connellsville, combining business and pleasure.

Miss Clara Wilmon, who spent the past month visiting in Pittsburgh, returned home yesterday.

ness visitor to our city on Friday. Dr. E. R. Saylor of Berlin was a Meyersdale business visitor Thursday evening.

Mrs. William Sarver of Berlin visited her mother, Mrs. C. C. Garitz, and other relatives and friends.

Want advertisements 1 cent a word. Mrs. Clarence Rowe spent a few days of this week visiting and shopping in Cumberland.

American Consul Dies. LONDON, Dec. 8.—Samuel N. Taylor, American consul at Birmingham, England, died last night of influenza.

BELL-ANS Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.